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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action dated June 8, 2009, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. In addition, the Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed September 3, 2009, requesting a further election of species between Species I (shown in Figures 4-8) and Species II (shown in Figure 9). In a Response filed July 8, 2009, Applicants elected to prosecute Claims 1-32 (Group I) in this patent application. In this Response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species I, which corresponds to Claims 1-7, 9-20, 25-29, and 32.

Applicant further directs the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment filed September 5, 2006. The prior and current Restriction Requirements indicate that the Examiner is looking at the unamended claims as originally filed in the application. By way of example, the prior Restriction Requirement indicates that Claims 1-37 are pending. After the Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-7, 9-20, 23, 25-29, and 32 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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